

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 10-12 are now pending in the application. Claim 3 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 2 and 4-9 have been cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 3 and 10-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claim 3 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Claim 3 and dependent Claims 10-12 should now be in condition for allowance.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin (U.S. Pat. No. 6,577,424) of record). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the amendments made herein, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been rendered moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore

respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 9896-000014/US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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